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SUBJ: LABOR LEADERS MEET WITH AMBASSADOR

1. FIVE PRESIDENTS OF CHILE'S MAJOR NATIONAL LABOR FEDERATIONS (REPRESENTING MORE THAN HALF OF ORGANIZED LABOR) CALLED ON AMBASSADOR SEPT 4 TO CONVEY GREETINGS ON OCCASION US LABOR DAY AND TO EXPRESS UNQUALIFIED BACKING FOR AIFLD PROGRAM. THEY SAID THAT EVEN THOUGH PRESENT DIFFICULTIES INVOLVING SUSPENSION OF AIFLD SEMINARS "SEEM NOW TO BE RESOLVED," THEY HOPED AMBASSADOR WOULD SUPPORT CONTINUANCE OF PROGRAM AND WOULD LIKE TO SEE INCREASE IN AIFLD ACTIVITY.

2. GROUP ALSO EXPRESSED HOPE THAT USAID/CHILE COULD FIND MEANS FOR DEVELOPING PROGRAM OF SURPLUS FOOD (PL-480) DISTRIBUTION THROUGH MAJOR UNIONS, TO NEEDY UNEMPLOYED MEMBERS. (COMMENT: ONE MAJOR CONFED. HAS ALREADY APPROACHED USAID WITH THIS REQUEST. USAID PERSONNEL HAVE RESPONDED THAT SUCH A PROGRAM COULD ONLY BE CONSIDERED IF UNIONS DEVELOPED A JOINT SYSTEM OF DISTRIBUTION AND CONTROLS.)

3. GROUP ALSO BRIEFLY REGISTERED APPRECIATION FOR GENERAL SUPPORT THEY HAVE RECEIVED FROM US DURING PAST TWO YEARS,
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DURING WHICH THEY HAVE BEEN CONFRONTED WITH SERIOUS ECONOMIC

PROBLEMS AND GROWING UNEMPLOYMENT.
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